



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2022 to 06/30/2022

### Lolo National Forest

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a> .				
<b>Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.</b> EIS  *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/08/2020 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2022	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The direction in the SEIS will apply to use of aerially delivered fire retardant on all National Forest System land.				

#### R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

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<b>R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)</b>					
<b>Bob Marshall Wilderness Outfitter and Guide Permit Reissuance</b> CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/29/2014	Expected:04/2015	04/2015	Debbie Mucklow 406-758-6464 dmucklow@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Reissuance of existing outfitter and guide permits in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44827">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44827</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District, Hungry Horse Ranger District, Lincoln Ranger District, Rocky Mountain Ranger District, Seeley Lake Ranger District, Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Glacier, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Pondera, Powell, Teton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.				

<b>Lolo National Forest Missoula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>				<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>	
<b>Missoula Parks and Recreation 2 Year Special Use Permit for Outfitting/Guiding Re-issuance</b> CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/11/2015	Expected:05/2015	06/2015	Al Hilshey 406-329-3970 ahilshey@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Re-issuance of a 2 year Special Use Permit for Outfitting and Guiding to provide hiking, biking, and Nordic skiing services on the Missoula Ranger District.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Blue mountain recreation area, Pattee canyon Recreation Area, Lolo Creek, and Montana Snowbowl.				
<b>Sapphire Crest Trail</b> CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Al Hilshey 406-329-3970 ahilshey@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Trail construction and reconstruction to connect existing trail segments, creating a 100-mile long non-motorized trail across the Lolo, Bitterroot, and Beaverhead National Forests on the Sapphire Divide.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=32247">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=32247</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - T12N, R19W, Sections 12,13; T12N, R18W, Sections 18, 19, 20,21,27,28 and 24; T11N, R18W, Sections 3,10,15,22,27,26 and 36 and T10N, R18 W, Section 2. Sapphire Divide.				

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<b>Upper Lolo Large Wood Project</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/23/2021	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Dustin Walters 559-246-7012 dwalters@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Install lg. woody structures by hand falling trees on about 13 mi. of stream and on about 6 mi. using excavators. Would result in installing 200-250 structures across 4 targeted streams each containing 2-20 pieces of wood from local trees.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60556">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60556</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approx. 5 mi. west of Lolo, MT in the West Fork Lolo Creek, Upper Lolo Creek, East Fork Lolo Creek, and Granite Creek watersheds on National Forest System lands.				
<b>Wildfire Adapted Missoula</b> EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 05/04/2021	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Michael Albritton (406) 329-3750 Michael.Albritton@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> WAM is a risk-based strategic fuels management project. It proposes mechanized and non-mechanized fuel and vegetation treatments to reduce wildfire hazard and associated risk in strategic locations.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58943">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58943</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project surrounds the communities of Missoula, Lolo, East Missoula, Bonner, Clinton, and Turah (approx. 158,725 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands).				

<b>Lolo National Forest</b>	<b>Ninemile Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
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Lolo National Forest    Ninemile Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Sawmill-Petty Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/29/2020	Expected:03/2021	07/2021	Tami Paulsen 406-329-3731 tpaulsen@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Proposed treatments to accomplish the project objectives include tree thinning and slashing, prescribed fire, weed treatments, and road treatments.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57030">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57030</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Ninemile Ranger District.    STATE - Montana.    COUNTY - Mineral, Missoula.    LEGAL - SE 1/4 , NE 1/4, S 34, T14N, R 23W, MT Meridian. South of I-90 and Alberton and Huson, MT in Sawmill, Reservoir, Petty, Peppard, Tank, and Corral Creek drainages.					

Lolo National Forest		Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R1 - Northern Region
<b>A-BLT Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 01/03/2022	07/2022	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Project proposal includes vegetation, road, and watershed management activities to address multiple resource objectives.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57645">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57645</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Sections 14-16, 19-23, 26-30, and 34-35, T21N, R31W, P.M.M. Project is located about 10 miles west of Thompson Falls in the Antimony, Cox, Everson, Buster Brown, Lucky Boy, and Therriault drainages, which are tributary to Prospect Creek.				

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Lolo National Forest Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Deemer-Henry EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/09/2021	Expected:12/2021	07/2022	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 patricia.partyka@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Project includes vegetation and road management activities to reduce forest fuels, improve forest health, support communities, and address road travel management conflict. Project also includes forest plan amendment to correct mapping error.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59556">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59556</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located about 4 miles east of Plains, Montana in the Deemer and Henry Creek drainages.				
Thorne Creek Fire Salvage EA  *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/15/2022	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 patricia.partyka@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Salvage of dead and dying timber on approximately 610 acres of the Thorne Creek Fire. Project also includes roadside hazard tree removal and tree planting.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60991">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60991</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Roadside salvage along Graves Creek road #367, north of Thompson Falls. Salvage in Thompson River drainage located east of Thompson Falls.				
Wilkes Cherry EA	- Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2021	Expected:08/2022	07/2024	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Forest Service is developing an integrated project to address multiple resource needs such as forest health, fuels reduction, recreation, wildlife and aquatic habitat, and watershed condition within a 63,000-acres area south of Thompson Falls.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59163">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59163</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Dry, Cherry, Wilkes, and Daisy Creek drainages south of Thompson Falls, Montana.				

<b>Lolo National Forest Superior Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
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<b>Lolo National Forest Superior Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Idaho Forest Group Deer Creek Access Special Use Permit</b> CE	- Special use management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Special use permit request from Idaho Forest Group (IFG) to construct, use, and maintain approximately 0.6 miles of new permanent road across National Forest System land to access their isolated 40-acre parcel in Section 31, T19N, R29W, P.M.M.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Section 1, T18N, R29W, P.M.M. Deer Creek drainage, approximately 1.5 miles south of DeBorgia.				
<b>Managhan Access Special Use Permit</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/05/2020	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 20-year Special use Permit to use and maintain approximately 3 miles of National Forest System Road 3802 and to construct 1800 feet of new road across NFS land to access private property.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Sections 1 & 2, T18N, R29W; Section 6 T18N, R28W, Section 35, T19N, R29W, P.M.M. Boyd Mountain area near St. Regis, MT.				
<b>Paulsen Access Special Use Permit</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/05/2020	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 20-year Special Use Permit to construct, use and maintain approximately 0.35 miles of new ATV trail and reconstruct an additional 0.4 miles of existing non-system trail across NFS lands to access private land.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Section 19, T15N, R26W; and Section 24, T15N, R27 W, P.M.M. Trout Creek near Superior, MT.				

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<b>Lolo National Forest Superior Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R1 - Northern Region</b>
<b>Redd Bull</b> EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Land management planning</li> <li>- Recreation management</li> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> <li>- Watershed management</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul>	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/01/2021	Expected:12/2021	09/2022	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Integrated restoration project that includes vegetation, road, and recreation management activities to address multiple resource objectives. Project also includes forest plan amendment to change the management area allocation on approx. 198 acres.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56574">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56574</a>				
<b>St. Regis Park Expansion and Special Use Authorization Renewal</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - T17 and 18N, R28 and 29W, P.M.M. South of St. Regis between Interstate 90 and the Montana/Idaho border within the Dry, Cold, Little Joe, Twomile, and Ward Creek drainages.				
	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/16/2022	03/2022	Heather Berman (406) 822-3903 heather.berman@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Reissuance of a 20-year special use authorization (SUA) to Mineral County for the St. Regis Community Park. The SUA contains modifications that expand the permitted area by 2 acres and includes additional recreational improvements.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - NE¼, SE¼, SW¼, Section 24, T18N, R28W, P.M.M. St. Regis Community Park in St. Regis, Montana.				

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Lolo National Forest	Superior Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region
Superior North EA	- Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/15/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2022	Expected:01/2023	08/2024	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 patricia.partyka@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Project includes vegetation, road, and recreation management activities to restore resilient vegetative conditions, reduce fuels, enhance recreation opportunities, and support communities. It also contains a proposal to amend the Forest Plan.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61247">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61247</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral, Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area of approximately 44,000 acres is between St. Regis and Superior in the Mill, Fourmile, Slowey, Keystone, and Pardee Creek drainages, and on the north slope facing into Highway 135.				
Thompson Creek Trail Reroute CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 02/10/2022	07/2022	Heather Berman 406-210-5287 Heather.Berman@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Construction of approximately 2.2 miles of new non-motorized trail to reroute the existing trail away from private land, as well as move the trail out of a seasonally flooded area.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 3 air miles southwest of Superior.				

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